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H.B. No. 4296

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the use of dyed diesel fuel to operate a motor vehicle during and for a limited period following certain disasters.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 162.235, Tax Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c) to read as follows:

(c) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), a person who purchases dyed motor fuel and furnishes to the licensed supplier or distributor under Section 162.206(a) a signed statement that includes an end user number issued by the comptroller may operate a motor vehicle on a public highway in this state with that dyed motor fuel in the fuel supply tank of the motor vehicle during a period beginning on the date a state of disaster is declared under Section 418.014, Government Code, due to a fire, flood, earthquake, tornado, hurricane, storm, or energy emergency and ending on the 30th day after the declaration expires or otherwise terminates, if the motor vehicle is operated:

(1) in the area designated a disaster area by the disaster declaration; or

(2) in an area other than the area described by Subdivision (1) if the dyed motor fuel was placed in the fuel supply tank of the motor vehicle in the area described by that subdivision.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

1 Conduct that occurred before the effective date of this Act is
2 governed by the law in effect on the date the conduct occurred, and
3 the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
4 purposes of this section, conduct occurred before the effective
5 date of this Act if any element of the conduct occurred before that
6 date.

7 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.